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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of applicant(s), hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to and including December 4, 2006, to file a response to the Office Action of June 2, 2006, which carried an original response date of September 2, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.